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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-29. (canceled)

30. (currently amended) A package, comprising:

a plurality of substantially cylindrical articles disposed on sides thereof in a plurality of rows, wherein the endmost article in each of said plurality of rows defines an endmost column of articles and the articles adjacent to said endmost column of articles define a second endmost column of articles; and

a carton enclosing said articles, the carton comprising:

a first wall extending along ends of said articles in each of said rows;

a second wall hingedly connected to said first wall and extending along the sides of the articles in said endmost column; and

at least one detachable portion detachably formed at least in part from said first wall and at least in part from said second wall, said at least one detachable portion to be detached from said carton to define an opening that extends along said first wall, said opening along said first wall exposing:

no more than a portion of one end of each of two said articles disposed in the endmost column, and a space defined between said two articles disposed in said the endmost column and two said articles disposed in said the second endmost column, said space being defined by said articles in two adjacent said rows.

31. (previously presented) The package of Claim 30, wherein said plurality of rows consists of an upper row and a lower row.

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32-33. (canceled)

34. (previously presented) A package, comprising:

a plurality of substantially cylindrical articles disposed on sides thereof in a plurality of rows; and

a carton enclosing said articles, the carton comprising:

a first wall extending along ends of said articles in each of said rows;

a second wall hingedly connected to said first wall and extending along the sides of the endmost articles in each of said rows;

a severance line, comprising:

an upper segment and a lower segment in said second wall; and

a connecting segment in said first wall, said connecting segment interconnecting said upper segment and said lower segment;

wherein:

the endmost article in each of said plurality of rows is in an endmost column of articles;

the articles adjacent to said endmost column of articles are in a second endmost column of articles; and

said connecting segment defines an opening that extends along said first wall, said opening exposing a space between two said articles disposed in said endmost column and two said articles disposed in said second endmost column, said space also being defined by said articles that are in two said adjacent rows.

35. (previously presented) The package of Claim 34, wherein said plurality of rows consists of an upper row and a lower row.

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36. (previously presented) The package of Claim 34, wherein the maximum distance between said connecting segment in said first wall and the hinged connection between said first wall and said second wall is less than the twice the diameter of one of said articles.

37-39. (canceled)

40. (previously presented) The package of Claim 34, wherein said opening further exposes no more than a portion of one said end of each of two said articles in the endmost column.

41. (previously presented) The package of Claim 30, wherein said opening extends entirely across said second wall.

42. (previously presented) The package of Claim 41, wherein:
said carton further comprises a third wall hingedly connected to said second wall; and
said at least one detachable portion is further formed at least in part from said third wall such that said opening extends entirely across said second wall and along said third wall.

43. (previously presented) The package of Claim 42, wherein said opening along said third wall further exposes no more than a portion of the opposite end of each of said two articles in said endmost column.